

IN THE CLAIMS:

Entry of the following amendments to place the pending claims into condition for allowance is respectfully requested:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended): A commercial vehicle axle assembly, comprising:

a vehicle axle;

a wheel located at each end of the vehicle axle; and

a disc brake disposed at ~~a hub~~ each end of the vehicle axle, ~~the~~ each disc brake including:

a rotor; and

a caliper disposed to apply a braking force to a friction surface portion of the rotor,

wherein

the rotor has a hub portion ~~adapted to be~~ mounted on a hub at the ~~hub~~ end of the axle,

the rotor hub portion is located radially within an axially-inboard-extending envelope of the wheel

the rotor has a connecting portion extending from the hub portion which, ~~when in an in-use position,~~ places the friction portion axially inboard toward a center of the vehicle axle a distance sufficient to place the friction portion outside ~~an~~ the axially-inboard-extending envelope of the [a] wheel ~~when the wheel is mounted on the axle hub.~~

4. (original): The vehicle axle assembly of claim 3, wherein the friction portion has an outer radius greater than an inner radius of a rim of the wheel.

5. (original): The vehicle axle assembly of claim 3, wherein the caliper is affixed to a caliper mount.

6. (original): The vehicle axle assembly of claim 5, wherein the caliper mount is affixed to the vehicle axle.

7. (currently amended): The vehicle axle assembly of claim 3, wherein the axle hub is adapted to receive the hub portion of the rotor, and the rotor is held between the axle hub and the ~~a rim of a~~ wheel.

8. (currently amended): The vehicle axle assembly of claim 4, wherein the axle hub is adapted to receive the hub portion of the rotor, and the rotor is held between the axle hub and the ~~a rim of a~~ wheel.

9. (currently amended): The vehicle axle assembly of claim 3, further comprising:

a hub adapter,

wherein the hub adapter is arranged to receive the hub portion of the rotor and is disposed on the axle hub such that the rotor is axially inboard of the ~~when a wheel rim is mounted on the axle hub.~~

10. (currently amended): The vehicle axle assembly of claim 4, further comprising:

a hub adapter,

wherein the hub adapter is arranged to receive the hub portion of the rotor and is disposed on the axle hub such that the rotor is axially inboard of the ~~when a wheel rim is mounted on the axle hub.~~

11-20. (canceled)